GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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Soldiers deployed at Siachen
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the defence personnel deployed at Siachen have been provided modern equipment / gadgets;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the other steps taken / being taken by the Government for safety and security of defence personnel deployed at Siachen?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) & (b): The troops deployed at Siachen are provided with modern equipment / gadgets including Surveillance Radars, Thermal Imagers, Long Range Reconnaissance and Observation System, Snow Scooters, Unmanned Aerial Vehicles etc.

(c) Indian Army soldiers deployed in this area are suitably equipped and properly trained to undertake the operational challenges and carry out their mandated tasks. The Units are self-sufficient for a period of 240 days of supplies. During winters / cut off season, daily maintenance of troops is carried out by rotary / fixed wing assets.

Keeping in mind the advances in technology, efforts are made to continuously upgrade the special clothing and equipment for observations, avalanche rescue, mobility and communication to enhance capability of our troops.

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